

EXHIBIT 18

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NOTICE OF PRICE ADJUSTMENT

Effective February 7, 2002, at 5:00 P. M. Eastern Time, certain products in the Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation product line had price adjustments. The revised prices are as follow:

NDC Number	Product Description	AWP Price	Wholesaler Price
0083-0027-30	TEGRETOL [®] tablets 200mg 100's	\$54.27	\$45.22
0083-0027-40	TEGRETOL [®] tablets 200mg 1000's	\$536.35	\$446.96
0083-0027-32	TEGRETOL [®] tablets 200mg 100's (Unit Dose)	\$58.03	\$48.36
0083-0052-30	TEGRETOL [®] chewable tablets 100mg 100's	\$28.48	\$23.74
0083-0052-32	TEGRETOL [®] chewable tablets 100mg 100's (Unit Dose)	\$32.00	\$26.67
0083-0019-76	TEGRETOL [®] suspension 100mg/5mL 450mL	\$34.95	\$29.12
0083-0061-30	TEGRETOL-XR [®] tablets 100mg 100's	\$27.17	\$22.64
0083-0062-30	TEGRETOL-XR [®] tablets 200mg 100's	\$54.27	\$45.22
0083-0060-30	TEGRETOL-XR [®] tablets 400mg 100's	\$108.45	\$90.37

As used in this letter, the term "AWP" or "Average Wholesale Price" constitutes a reference for each Novartis product, set as a percentage above the price for which each product is offered generally to wholesalers. Notwithstanding, the inclusion of the term "price" in "Average Wholesale Price", AWP is not intended to be a "price" charged by Novartis for any product to any customer.

Please use the above information to update your records.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Staub at 1-(973) 781-7726.

Thank you for your continued support of Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

Sincerely,

Michael Conley
Executive Director,
Customer Service and Corporate Accounts

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